Production, Supply and Demand of Explosives

5507. SHRI S.B. THORAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production, demand and supply and import of explosives during each of the last three years State-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to formulate any programme to increase the production of explosives during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). A total capacity of 4,85,700 tonnes has been licensed for explosives in the country. The demand of explosives in the country by the end of 1990,1995 and 2000 has been estimated to be 1,88,000 tonnes, 3,32,000 tonnes and 4,12,000 tonnes respectively. The production of explosives during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 was 1,37,044 tonnes, 1,59,145 tonnes and 1,45,529 tonnes respectively. The import of specialised explosives for use by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) and Oil India Limited during the same period was worth Rs. 289 lakh, 184 lakh and 202 lakh respectively.

The demand of explosives varies according to requirement of mining and non-mining sectors. Licensed capacity is estimated to be sufficient to meet the demand of explosives during the 8th Five Year Plan.

State-wise figures of demand and production of explosives are not being maintained.

[*Translation*]

Coordination between Computer Networks

5508. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of coordination between the computer network of Science and Technology Department, Department of Electronics, Telecommunications Department and National Informatics Centre;

(b) whether processing and communication facility is available on all the networks in Hindi;

(c) if so, the extent to which it is being used;

(d) if not, by when such facility is likely to be provided;

(e) whether all these networks can be connected with foreign networks and whether they can exchange information with each other;

(f) if so, the details thereof ; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The largest computer network, NICNET set up by the National Informaties Centre (NIC) with 550 Earth Stations and as many computers in District Headquarters, State Capitals, etc., has terminals located at the Department of Science & Technology, Department of Electronics and Department of Telecommunications. NICNET is a computer network primarily serving the Government and some central public sector units. The computer network of

the Department of Telecommunications, RABMN, is a Remote Area Business Message Network and is a facility serving the business community on a commercial basis. This supplements a growing public data network called, I-NET. The computer networks of the Department of Electronics and Department of Science & Technology are at present based on leased circuits and Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) of the Department of Telecommunications/ Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL). The coordination between these networks, wherever found necessary is carried out through PSTN.

(b) and (c). For NICNET, bilingual terminals have been provided at several remote sites of the network. In all the computer networks, the data in Hindi can be converted to ASCII formats and then transmitted over the network.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) All these networks can be connected with foreign networks through the Gateway Packet Switch System (GPSS) at the Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited, Bombay. Wherever and whenever necessary, the various networks can exchange information through proper authorisation utilising GPSS.

(g) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Petrochemicals Industry in Haryana

5509. SHRI NARAIN SINGH CHAUDHRI:
SHRI DHARAMPAL SINGH MALIK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for seting up of petro-chemical industries at Hissar, Sonepat and Jind Districts of Haryana; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

SC/ST Posts lying Vacant in Civil Services

5510. SHRI MANKU RAM SODHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of IAS and IPS posts lying vacant in the country as per the reservation quota for SCs/STs upto the year 1990; and

(b) the number of posts filled upto March, 1991 out of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). In the Indian Administrative Service and the Indian Police Service no posts are reserved exclusively for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. However, while making direct recruitment to these Services vacancies are reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the proportion of 15% and 7-1/2% respectively. All such reserved vacancies are filled up on the basis of Civil Services Examination conducted by UPSC every year.